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In re Application of : DIRECTOR OFFICE
MEMRAN, LOUIS I. : TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2600
Application No. 10/002,382 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 20, 2001 : TO MAKE SPECIAL
For: UTILIZING VACUUM TUBES IN :
COMPUTER AUDIO CIRCUITRY :
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This is a decision on the renewed petition filed October 9, 2003 under 37 CFR §1.102(d) to make the application special, which is being treated as a request for reconsideration.

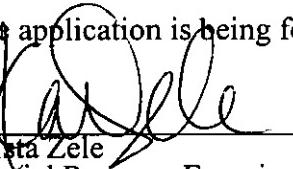
A grantable petition under 37 CFR §1.102(d) and MPEP § 708.02, section II: Infringement, must be accompanied by the required fee and a statement alleging:

- (1) that there is an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use;
- (2) that a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device, product, or method with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in his or her opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and,
- (3) that he or she has made or caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art, or has a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art. Further, Applicant must provide a copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if the claims are not already of record.

The petitioner meets all of the above requirements. Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.


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